

PHILLIES TO FIGURE IN DEAL WITH CARDS AND DODGERS, IS REPORT FROM CAMP

SENSATIONAL TRADE RUMOR HOLDS FORTH IN PHILS' TRAINING CAMP; TRIO OF HOLD-OUT STARS MAY GO

Whittred for Wheat, of Brooklyn, and Niehoff and Stock for Hornsby and Miller, of Cards, Is Trade Report by Moran

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 12. Last night Pat Moran was handed a telegram while at dinner from Bert Niehoff, one of the holdouts, who was first expected to join the club here in a few days. "Nothing doing," read the message. "You know I deserve more money."

However, late in the evening a healthy rumor began to circulate through the corridors of Edgewater Inn, and the dope was as follows: Whittred to be traded to Brooklyn for Zach Wheat, Niehoff and Stock to be traded to St. Louis for Hornsby and Jack Miller. That's all there was to it, but if the deal goes through it will be one of the most sensational pulled in many years.

We got the dope from an authoritative source, but when Pat Moran was cornered he again imitated the well-known claim. He loosened up a trifle near the finish, however, and said that in a few days he would have something to say. The proposed action of the Phils is the only logical thing that can be done under the circumstances.

Up to Players Leaving the salary end out of it altogether, the fact remains that Philadelphia must have a ball club this year. The players are dissatisfied and refuse to report; they must go some place else, as the management of the Phils has offered all that they can. Now it was up to the holdouts to accept or refuse.

But looking things over in a calm and impersonal manner, it seems that the only deal that has a chance to go through is the one involving Whittred and Wheat. Zach, like George, is very much dissatisfied with conditions over in Flatbush and probably will welcome the chance to escape from Charles Hercules Ebbets. He will fit in nicely in the Phils' outfit and do even better than his predecessor in batting.

The salary snag again crops up, however, as Wheat has refused a cut in his contract and threatens to quit the game. In other words, two disgruntled athletes will be swapped.

When Moran took hold of the local club in 1915 he showed right off the bat that he would not tolerate any dissatisfied ball players. His first act was to get rid of Sherwood Magee, the star of his team and one of the most popular ball players that ever appeared in Philadelphia. He shipped Magee to Boston in exchange for Whittred and Dugy and some cash. Pat was laughed at by the wise ones, but the deal turned out to be the nicest little piece of work done in years.

Both Make Good Whittred stepped into Magee's shoes and played sensational baseball, while Dugy turned out to be a valuable utility man. Moran never has regretted the deal. Whittred, by the way, stepped from one championship team to another and profited greatly thereby. He shared in the world's se-

TILLMAN CAREFUL; BENNY CAN'T LAND

Minneapolis Takes No Chances and Leonard's Kayo Punch Is Absent

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Benny Leonard outboxed Johnny Tillman. Gus Lewis won from Al Nelson. Battling Mills drew with Chick Morris. Frankie Clark defeated Joe Dally. Mike Howell beat Frankie Williams. New Al McCoy, Frankie Wilson drew with Walter Brooks. Buddy Jackson knocked out Tim Murphy. Seventh Italian Joe trans won from Paul Dixon. Tony Bender stopped Youngie. John Kilbane easily defeated Jim Droney. BALTIMORE—Jack Wolf won from Terry Martin. ST. LOUIS—George Chip knocked out Bob Mohr. Fourth. PITTSBURGH—Walter Laquette won from Kid Alberts. Jack Norman beat Rocky. ROCHESTER—Freddie Hoelzel defeated Corva. RICHMOND, N. Y.—K. O. Carroll out-fought Youngie. Battling Nelson. Bill O'Neill. LONDON—Jimmy Wilde defeated tierce Clark.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Benny Leonard, we agree, is the class of boxers who have visited our fair city for the purpose of crushing the other fellow on the chin and adding to their bank rolls. He won with plenty to spare from Johnny Tillman at the Olympia last night. Yet once again Sir Benjamin found himself stacked up against a Tartar in his effort to send the Minneapolisian on an unwanted journey to dreamland. The "dream boy" did not give Leonard a kood a battle as he did on their first meeting last fall, but Tillman was not in danger of suffering a kayo at any time during the six rounds.

The Olympia Club never was crowded to such a capacity as last night. Every seat in the arena was occupied and all corners and nooks were jammed with frenzied fans, who willingly separated themselves from seventy-five cents for standing room. Outside "scalpers" were ridding themselves of \$1 tickets for \$2.

Johnny Tillman is a great defensive boxer. He squared off at Leonard, leaning far back and with his long left extended to its entire reach, and with Tillman in this position, Leonard was unable to connect with an effective punch. After the first round Leonard led throughout, but he could not connect with his famous sap-absorbing wallop. Tillman's guard also was good, and at close quarters, too, Leonard could not find lodgment with a wallop to spill Johnny for ten toll.

However, this careful boxing on the part of Tillman slowed up the bout, as Leonard virtually did all the fighting. Each of the principals decorated the floor twice, but really there was only one clean knockdown. This occurred in the fourth round when Leonard shot over a long left hook, catching Tillman on the point of the chin. Johnny flopped to the floor, where he had three seconds counted over him. In the opening round Leonard was off balance and slipped to the mat, and Johnny did likewise near the finish of the frame. Leonard tripped over Tillman's foot in the third round and sat on the floor, but only the one knockdown scored by Leonard was legitimate.

FORM IS THE THING IN BASEBALL AS WELL AS TRACK, BOXING, GOLF AND NEARLY EVERY OTHER SPORT

Benny Leonard Shows Plenty of It and Proves It's Easy to Pick a Winner on Form Without Knowing Much About Walloping

By SANDY McNICLICK

THIS is the Flitfan Day at the office. That is to say, there was a gathering of managers and boxers all around occupying the chairs, with the writers standing up and listening to the chatter on the game of Hard Knocks and Puffed Beaters. "Benny Leonard is a swell boxer," said some one who had strayed in and knew little of the science of boxing. "I could tell he was a swell boxer as soon as I saw him in action."

"Where do you get that stuff off of?" was the offering by one of those present. "You been reading the papers."

"No I ain't," chirped the wise feller. "But Benny has got the form. That's the stuff that gets by any place. You can pick class in any game that way. The swell batters in baseball has got it, and you can tick 'em as soon as they come to bat. A swell runner has got the form. You can pick a good one any place, because they've got the form."

Betwixt Splashes We had something of the same idea as we held down a ring-side seat last night at the Olympia to see some of the action betwixt the splashing of the sponges in the corner.

Of all games, form plays the greatest part in the game of golf, but to the uninitiated eye it was evident that form was a big feature of the "give-and-take" frolic. By form is meant balance and timing the stroke. Benny Leonard didn't land on the green much and couldn't get past with any of the long shots down the fairway. His short approaches also weren't very steady, but the form was always there. He didn't do much damage, but he always appeared to be the master and ready to sink a lucky one.

"Why don't you land it, Benny?" was the continual yip from the pop-eyed fans packed up on the shelf, dimly discernible through the heavy smoke. Benny was always set. Johnny Tillman started a flock of shots with a power of back-spin on them. Once he waved one that Benny ducked and which was nearly the finish of a brass post supporting the rope. Another time Tillman reached up to turn off the lights and Benny was right down the alley to take advantage of the shot out of bounds. Muggsy Taylor, a boxing expert, felt that Tillman won. Muggsy is a nice feller.

Nelson in Draw Form was all that gave Gusie Lewis a draw with Al Nelson in the semifinals. Al was called in at the last minute and had not had time to train at all. As a result he was slowed up a bit. Some one in the gallery was pleased with the fight and raised a ringer in the ring, but neither of the fighters had time to pick it up. So it died in a shower of sparks.

The only real snappy stuff of the night was in the mix between Battling Mills and Chick Meyers in the first couple of minutes. The rapid-fire stuff ptered out so far as Mills was concerned when he was the recipient of a "slice to the nuch". This is a golf term which, translated into boxing, means a "right hook to the neck."

We have an idea that Benny Leonard would be a great success as a golfer. If he could time a golf swing with the fine form

ATHLETICS GIVEN MILITARY DRILL

Sergeant Smart Puts Mackmen Through "Setting Up" Exercises at Jacksonville

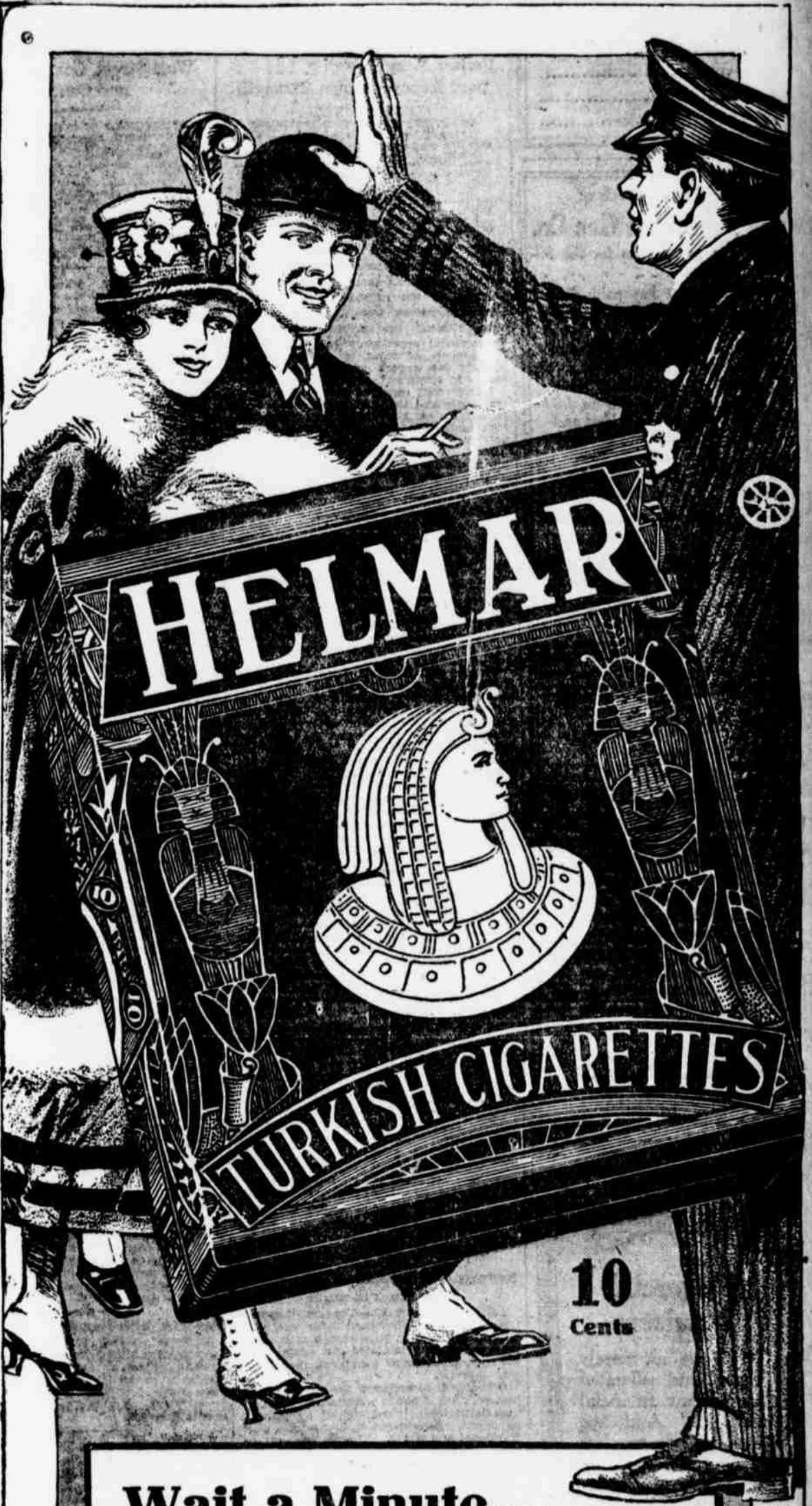
By a Staff Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 12. Members of the Athletic baseball squad encamped on the shore of the St. John River were given their first military instruction this morning on the diamond of Rose Field. Sergeant W. E. Smart, of the General Service Infantry, took charge of the awkward squad in view of hundreds of tourists, who found places in the newly constructed stands. When informed by the officer that setting up would be the primary exercise a great many of the rookies had visions of howling balls rather than ammunition. After Sergeant Smart had drilled the players in the first essentials of militarism he expressed great satisfaction with the maneuvering.

No doubt the young fellows representing Philadelphia in this act of preparedness will reach a high standard of excellence, as no other club in the American League possesses the sort of young material that is sought for best appearance. In looking over the ages of athletes stationed here

PENN ENTERS FOUR MEN IN BIG INDOOR SPORTS

Four Penn track athletes will enter the indoor championship track meet in New York on Saturday. These men will be Tommy Lennon, Larry Scudder, Earl Eby and Sherman Landers. Coach Robertson expects to begin active training for the outdoor season about April 1.



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